(d) whether any environment norms have been violated in the process of earmarking projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per EIA Notification 2006, Hydroelectric projects, which require environment clearance from Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has to prepare Environmental Impact Assessment report which include risk assessment of the project. On the basis of the study hydroelectric projects are designed.

(c) Findings of these studies varies from project to project which includes likely affected areas and magnitudes. Environmental safeguard measures are incorporated in these reports to check any disaster to the bio diversity and environment around the hydro electric projects.

(d) While according environment clearance the safeguards are incorporated. Implementation of these are monitored by the Regional office of the Ministry. Violation, if any, are brought to the notice of the project proponent and corrective action taken.

Protection of forests by villagers

2493. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the villagers in tribal areas are being involved in protecting the forests;

(b) if so, the mechanism thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of National Forest Policy, 1988 Government of India has issued guidelines to States on June 1, 1990 to involve village, communities in regeneration and protection of forest areas under the Joint Forest Management programme. The JFM strategy has been adopted by all the 28 States and 2 Union Terriortries. As per the information furnished by the State Forest Departments there are more than one lakh village level Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) managing approximately 22 million hectare of forest area.

(c) Does not arise.

Banning production of fluorescent lights

2494. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to ban the production of excessive compact fluorescent lights, which lead to climate change and energy crisis in the country;